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SUBJECT: RHODESIA INITIATIVE: CALLAGHAN LETTERS TO  
FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS AND OBASANJO

REF: LONDON 13741

1. DEPARTMENT GENERALLY APPROVES TEXT OF LETTERS TO  
FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS AND OBASANJO CONTAINED REFTTEL. WE  
HAVE HOWEVER SOME SPECIFIC COMMENTS.

2. IN FIRST PARAGRAPH OF LETTER INTENDED FOR ALL EXCEPT  
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LAGOS, THERE IS FACTUAL ERROR. FIRST SENTENCE, FIRST  
PARAGRAPH SHOULD READ "IN DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AND  
LONDON, IN WASHINGTON WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, AND HERE  
WITH DAVID OWEN AND CYRUS VANCE, JULIUS (NYERERE) AGREED  
TO CONSIDER ..." WE ALSO SHOULD DROP "READILY" FROM THAT  
SENTENCE, AS INDICATED, SINCE THIS MAY SUGGEST SOME  
DISCONTENT ON OUR PART WITH NYERERE.

3. THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH INTENDED FOR ALL EXCEPT LAGOS SHOULD BE CHANGED, TO DELETE FIRST HALF OF SENTENCE BEGINNING "WE" AND ENDING WITH "POSSIBLE." THAT SENTENCE SHOULD NOW READ "WE SHOULD AIM, I THINK, FOR A MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE LAGOS

CONFERENCE."

4. IN PARAGRAPHS INTENDED FOR ALL RECIPIENTS, IN THE PARAGRAPH CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSITION, WE SUGGEST DELETION OF THE WORD "MILITARY" FROM THE REFERENCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE. DISCUSSION OF A UNITED NATIONS "MILITARY" FORCE CONNOTES CHAPTER SEVEN ACTION. THE WORD MILITARY COULD BE REPLACED WITH THE WORD PEACE-KEEPING, OR SIMPLY DELETED. IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH WE WISH TO ADD TO PENULTIMATE SENTENCE, FOLLOWING FINAL PHRASE "THE LIBERATION ARMIES," THE WORDS "ALONE, DURING THE TRANSITION."

5. LAST SENTENCE OF NEXT PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE CHANGED TO CONCUR WITH PREVIOUSLY AGREED LANGUAGE FOR OTHER DOCUMENTS. IT SHOULD NOW READ "IT IS CLEAR THAT SUCH AN ARMY WOULD BE BASED ON THE LIBERATION FORCES."

6. IN FINAL PARAGRAPH OF LETTER WE SUGGEST REPLACING THE CONFIDENTIAL

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WORD WILL WITH THE WORLD MAY, IN THE SECOND CLAUSE OF THE FIRST SENTENCE. THAT CLAUSE WOULD NOW READ "... ALTHOUGH THEY MAY NOT COMMAND ASSENT..."

7. WE UNDERSTAND THIS MAY BE OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, BUT WE WANTED YOU TO HAVE OUR THOUGHTS FOR THE RECORD.

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